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1. SUMMARY: INFORMAL MEETING OF 7 PLUS 7 IN PREPARATION FOR APRIL 18 NTM PARENT GROUP MEETING REVEALED THAT DELEGATION POSITIONS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBGROUPS ON VARIABLE LEVIES AND ANTIDUMPING HAVE NOT ALTERED FROM PREVIOUS GROUP MEETING (REFTEL). A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF NTM MEETINGS WAS PROPOSED BY THE GATT SECRETARIAT. END SUMMARY.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SUBGROUPS: GATT SECRETARIAT CHAIRMAN (MATHUR) QUERIED PARTICIPANTS ON WHETHER POSITIONS HAD CHANGED WITH RESPECT TO CREATION OF A SUB-
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GROUP ON VARIABLE LEVIES. THE EC (ABBOTT) NOTED THEY ARE STILL COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO THE IDEA, WHILE AUSTRALIA AND THE US REGISTERED THEIR SUPPORT FOR SUCH A SUBGROUP. ON THE QUESTION OF ANTIDUMPING, INDIA AND EGYPT REITERATED THEIR ARGUMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ANTIDUMPING SUBGROUP WITH EGYPT (HAMZA) ASSERTING THAT THE ANTIDUMPING COMMITTEE HAD NO COMPETENCE TO PROPOSE

CHANGES IN THE ANTIDUMPING CODE. HAMZA ARGUED THAT BY BRINGING ANTIDUMPING INTO THE MTN, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COULD PARTICIPATE ON AN EQUAL BASIS IN DISCUSSIONS, UNLIKE PARTICIPATION IN THE GATT ANTI-DUMPING COMMITTEE WHERE LDC'S WOULD BE ONLY OBSERVERS. THE US DEL (NEWKIRK) EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD NOT ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF THE GATT ANTI-DUMPING COMMITTEE TO JOIN THEM IN THEIR WORK. SINCE NO NEW FACTORS HAD EMERGED SINCE THE LAST PARENT GROUP MEETING, THE US SAID ITS POSITION TO DATE IS UNCHANGED. THE EC SAID THAT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OF CONCERN TO LDC'S WERE BEING HANDLED IN THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY/SUBSIDIES SUBGROUP (I.E. DEFINITION OF INDUSTRY, INJURY CRITERIA, ETC.) AND ASKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO BE MORE PRECISE AS TO WHAT, IF ANY, NEW SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THEY FEEL SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN AN ANTIDUMPING SUBGROUP. AFTER SUCH SUGGESTIONS ARE EXAMINED, THE PROCEDURAL DECISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A SUBGROUP COULD BE CONSIDERED. MATHUR FOLLOWED UP THIS INTERVENTION BY SUGGESTING THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO EXPLORE THIS ISSUE IN THE NTM PARENT GROUP, E.E. WHAT PROBLEMS HAVE EMERGED FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE ANTIDUMPING AREA, BEFORE DECIDING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT A SUBGROUP IN THE MTN IS NECESSARY. EGYPT ASSERTED THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF LDC'S CONCERNS IS WELL DOCUMENTED IN THE REPORTS OF THE GATT WORKING PARTY ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO THE CODE, AND , THEREFORE, DOES NOT NEED TO BE REPEATED. ABBOTT REPLIED THAT THE EC HAS AN OPEN MIND, BUT IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STILL NOT CONVINCED ON THE NECESSITY OF A NEW SUBGROUP.

3. NTM/NDWM: MATHUR NOTED THAT GATT SECRETARIAT HAS RECEIVED ONLY ONE NOTIFICATION UNDER THESE PROCEDURES FOR NON-TARIFF MEASURES NOT BEING DEALT WITH MULTILATERALLY (MTN/NTM/26).

4. NTM'S IN THE TRIF: THE GATT SECRETARIAT INDICATED THAT AT THE REQUEST OF THE PARENT GROUP THEY HAD UNDERTAKEN A PROJECT TO ASSOCIATE SPECIFIC NTM'S WITH PRODUCTS LISTED IN THE TARIFF RATE INFORMATION FILE (TRIF). HOWEVER, THIS EXERCISE HAD RUN INTO MAJOR PROBLEMS SPECIFICALLY IN REGARD TO WHAT NTM'S SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE TRIF AND ALSO THE LACK OF PRECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE PRODUCTS AS TO WHICH THE NTM IN QUESTION APPLIED. BECAUSE OF THESE DIFFICULTIES, MATHUR CONCLUDED, THE PROJECT IS UNLIKELY TO CONTINUE. AUSTRALIA OBSERVED THAT SINCE MOST DELS ARE NOT WILLING TO INDICATE THE TARIFF LINES AT WHICH NTM'S APPLY, THERE IS LITTLE

UTILITY IN PROCEEDING WITH THE EXERCISE. THE EC REGISTERED ITS REGRET THAT NO REPORT ON THIS PROJECT HAD BEEN MADE TO GROUP AGRICULTURE AT ITS RECENT MEETING SINCE THAT GROUP PARTICIPATED IN ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS PROJECT. MATHUR INDICATED THAT HIS FORMAL REPORT ON THIS TOPIC TO THE NTM PARENT GROUP WILL NOT PREEMPT THE POSSIBILITY OF A REPORT TO GROUP AGRICULTURE.

5. DATES FOR NTM SUBGROUP MEETINGS: THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR NTM SUBGROUP MEETINGS WAS SUGGESTED BY THE SECRETARIAT:

LICENSING - TECHNICAL LEVEL MEETING WEEK OF MAY 23

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT WEEK OF JUNE 13

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STANDARDS WEEK OF JUNE 27

IN ALTERNATION WITH SAFEGUARDS

(THIS ASSUMES THAT GROUP AGRICULTURE WILL HAVE MEETING DURING WEEK OF JUNE 20)

QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS WEEK OF JULY 4

SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAILING DUTIES WEEK OF JULY 11
IN ALTERNATION WITH CUSTOMS MATTERS

NTM PARENT GROUP WEEK OF JULY 18

FYI: IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS, IT WAS NOTED THAT UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE BEFORE THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF QR'S AND CUSTOMS MATTERS, THESE MEETINGS SHOULD BE CANCELLED. END FYIWALKER

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